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1. The Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield was occupied by single-engine aircraft and twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies. (1) A mobile radio station was in a meadow in the extension of the runway, about 300 meters behind the ammunition bunkers.

2. Technical Unit [] which had 120 officers and 150 junior sergeants, was stationed at the field. (2) Another unit of 90 officer pilots was also stationed there. A truck of the latter unit drove to the Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield every day and returned in the evening. Most of the barracks buildings at the field were occupied by an artillery battalion. (3)

3. Ten twin-engine transports [] arrived at the field from Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) during the summer of 1946. They were transferred to Staaken in August 1949. (4) Plane [] crashed at Finkenkrug (N 53/Z 65) on 11 September 1949. Senior Lieutenant Stafen, the navigator of the plane, was one of the survivors and was transferred to the U.S.S.R. for disciplinary reasons in May 1950. Up to that date, the unit was stationed in Staaken and [] Captain Alexis Pushkin, the political officer, and navigator Nikolai Solomatov were assigned to the same unit. (5)

4. The transports were replaced by single-engine planes from the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 22 July 1950. (6) These planes and the twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies were used for daily training flights.

5. According to employees at the field, the airfield was inspected on 12 July 1950 by ten Soviet generals wearing blue service color. Officers said that all officers and EM at the field had to sign a peace resolution.

6. Senior Lieutenant Sasha Hurtavou of the technical unit was transferred to the U.S.S.R. on 20 July 1950 because of excessive fraternization with German women.

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Comments.

- (1) According to previous reports, the airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air reconnaissance unit equipped with Pe-2s and Tu-2s. [REDACTED] The occupation has apparently not changed.
- (2) Units [REDACTED] were believed to belong to technical units of the Soviet Air Force (avio-technical battalion - ATB?). This assumption is partially confirmed by the above information. [REDACTED] was last observed on 22 April 1950 during shipments in Boetzow, the railroad station of Schoenwalde. [REDACTED]
- (3) The occupation by army units was previously reported. [REDACTED]
- (4) The transfer of a unit from Schoenwalde to Staaken was previously reported. [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED]
- (6) The information that the ground attack aircraft came from Cottbus is correct. [REDACTED]

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